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The Professional Truck Driver Institute of America (PTDIA or the Institute) provides the following comments to 49-CFR Part 383 (Docket NO MC-92-10) **RIN:2125-AC92** pertaining to:

**Mandatory Minimum Training Requirements for
Operators of Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs)**

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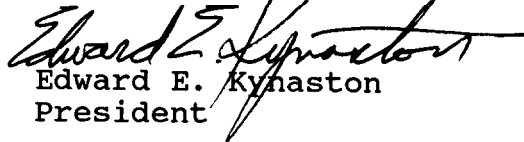
The PTDIA is a nonprofit Institute incorporated in Washington, D.C. with its principal business office in Elk Grove, California. The Institute has as its sole purpose in policy and operations, the development of standards for the adequate training of the nation's truck drivers. The Institute's standards, programs and publications guide the training of tractor-trailer drivers at the entry level. The Institute also offers voluntary certification of courses that meet the standards PTDIA has established. At this time 31 different organizations, motor carriers, public and private schools that offer truck driver training, have courses certified by PTDIA. That certification guides prospective truck drivers in the selection of adequate training and also aids motor carriers in the recruitment of new drivers that have received proper entry-level driver knowledge and skills.

The Institute is currently under contract with the Federal Highway Administration to develop curriculum outlines for the training of drivers of triple trailer combinations and long double trailer (twins) combinations. Those types of combinations would be within the definition of LCVs covered by the ANPRM and the new curriculum outlines will be of importance to this rulemaking when they are completed late in 1993.

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While not the subject of this rulemaking, the Institute has completed a first ever curriculum outline for the training of drivers of twin trailer combinations under similar FHWA contract in 1992. That work is a companion piece to the Institute's original tractor-trailer driver training curriculum **based on the original Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety Guidelines for Training Tractor-Trailer Drivers.**


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